

Net Neutrality is important to me because the Internet and all its power should be reasonably accessible to everyone. The entirety of human knowledge exists on the Internet, and to give more to those corporations who can pay more would create a skewed knowledge base, allowing only the opinions of those with the most money. Money already drives the processes of our government, and we as a society are already pushing the rich-poor gap to new lengths. The Internet as it exists today is a level playing field, and it ought to remain that way. No one should be silenced in this age of free and accessible information.

—Richard Krenz, Orlando, FL

Dear FCC, Please do not allow the cable companies anymore power or monopolizing influence. It seems to me that any argument between the vast majority of the country and a small minority who clearly are acting on their own best interest should be settled by the majority.

—Daniel Zimmerman, Dallas, TX

Net neutrality is not just important, it is vital to our ability to grow as a society. If the cable companies, or rather, the few large cable companies, get to essentially decide who's messages get to be seen, then the internet will become whatever they want it to be. Right now the internet is one of the few areas of media that is not under the direct control of some large corporation. News corporations are the best example. Under the rule of several large corporations, they only show the skewed messages they want us to see in order to serve their own interests. This is incredibly unethical and has essentially destroyed journalism in America. If this is allowed to happen to the internet, it will cease to be the great social world that it is right now. And our society will be stifled. The American people will continue to be shown only what the people with all the money want them to see and hear and our society will be much worse off because of it. As the organization charged with regulating media in our nation you work for us. You have an obligation to throw out these ridiculous rules. They are unethical, self serving, and very far from the peoples best interest. I am an American Citizen, a Time Warner Cable customer, and I want my internet to remain neutral. Thanks in advance for doing the right thing.

—Brett, Geneva, OH

Please do everything you can to keep the idea of net neutrality in play. It's vital to the success of the internet and free exchange of ideas and information. To enforce the latest proposed Internet rules would be allow for a discrimination of content. Thank you, Tom Karki

—Tom Karki, Robbinsdale, MN

Stop trying to ruin everything, you ruiners. Regulating access to the internet is like saying companies can regulate access to water. The internet is not a product or a service, it's an environment. It should be regulated by you, not private companies with private interests.

—Ira Miller, Toronto,

The internet should be treated as a utility. I need the internet for my job, the same way I need access to a telephone and electricity. The big companies are not investing into more infrastructure as it is. If net neutrality goes away, consumers will be stuck with the burden of paying for the growth of the companies. It's another example of the rich get richer and the middle class has to pay the higher cost. My internet cost has already increased year after year as it is; without regulations I am afraid I will not be able to afford internet, or I will not be able to afford to do my job. Stop listening to big business, and start listening to the people.

—Don Terry, Midlothian, TX

Net neutrality ensures all people have access to all parts of the internet. It lets people stay connected and gives us the freedom to go wherever and say whatever we want on the internet. This is not something companies should be regulating and making money from. The idea that we should have to pay more to go where we want is classist and puts lower SES people at a disadvantage. The internet is something anyone with access can enjoy, and I personally think it should stay that way.

—Danielle Pellegrino, Silver City, NM

Net neutrality matters to me because I don't like the idea of bending over any more than I already do for companies like Verizon and TWC. how is giving more power to someone with an awful track record a good plan, you know?

—Dylan W, Dayton, OH

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I do not pay for television but do pay for internet and should not be subjected to slower speeds because I'm opting to watch programs on via internet instead of via cable.

—Tara, Grand Junction, CO

I want to live in the world where a huge cable corporation like Verizon or Comcast doesn't tell me which website I should visit or how much time I can spend on such website. By giving internet providers the option of choosing when they can slow down internet or who should be prioritize, this is essentially what they will do.

—Chai Xiong, Onalaska, WI

Net Neutrality is important because it prevents Internet service providers from discriminating against online content. We are already so dependent on the few companies that provide internet, and removing net neutrality would take advantage of small business and big alike.

—Leslie Shields, Walnut Creek, CA

Dear FCC, I am a self-published author. I barely make enough money to get by and my work is marketed and sold online. I could never afford to compete with the big businesses. The absence of net neutrality would destroy my work, my business, my livelihood. It would be a disaster for me and all small businesses. It's a very, very, very bad idea.

—Bryan W Alaspa, Naperville, IL

To whom it may concern, As an Anthropologist I am often times using internet websites and other such academic sites that are usually either 1. Very unknown 2. Very restrictive or 3. Run by a personal friend. In all three of these instances your new rulings to change or abolish net neutrality would in essence change or destroy these websites in which I, and many others in Academia use quite regularly to share information in order to be the most up to date. Also, I fear with the change to net neutrality, we would see the end of the dot come era, a halt to the technological progress we as a nation have been making. This would utterly destroy e-commerce, and the way people are able to create jobs using internet services. I hope you thoroughly consider this and the many other outcomes that could come from changing net neutrality. Thank you, Christin McNeil

—Christin McNeil, South El Monte, CA

I'm poor, like living in a studio apartment with 2 other people poor. Now this isn't the best way to live but we make it work. And the one thing we have is reliable intrnet.....and that's being nice about it. If I have to pay to have faster Internet (you can but their "blast" option is worse somehow) then I can expect to be paying more for basically the same service and all the same b.s. that I get now. I could see if we were on par with other countries that have fast Internet, but we're not, and the only way I can image the making a faster option is to slow down everyone else's connections. It's almost as if they didn't plan on this Internet thing being as big as it had gotten, and because they didn't plan properly, we have to take the hit for them. So I have a solution, every time they want to change their stance on the Internet, we get to slap them right in the face, all of us (all their customers). And no decoys or dummies to stand in, I want the ceos of these companies. Maybe after a few million slaps to the face they'll get what it's like to get the raw end of a deal. Knowing com cast though, we'll all probably get a bill 6 months later charging us for the "pleasure" of slapping a ceo.

—Carl, stockton, CA

The fact that information could be filtered down keeping the public ignorant to ideas or knowledge that is unpopular as seen by huge corporations such as verizon and comcast is very scary. The last thing we need is for people to think for us and keep us ignorant, Dick Chaney comes to mind; this is America not China! We don't need these huge corporations lobbying in DC either, much less deciding who can recurve what... Crazy, everything that has made the internet the powerful tool it is will be lost to some fat cat CEOs as their soulless selves eat up the generations of tomorrow! KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!

—Kyle Dutton, Blythewood, SC

The internet is the most important means of communication today and I don't want multi billion dollar corporations to be the gatekeepers for free speech.

—Ryan T Watson, Shippensburg, PA

Net neutrality is important for the preservation of individual Liberty. It allows EVERYONE an equal forum for the expression of ideas. Don't create a two-tiered system in which corporate ideas and preferences carry more weight than individual ideas and preferences that might be contrary to corporate positions. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Don't succumb to greed.

—David Horning, Crowley, TX

We need net neutrality because it is wrong to force companies to pay more money to provide good services to their customers. Charging companies more money will force price hikes throughout the country that is unnecessary and ridiculous. This country is still facing hard financial times, why would you want to increase that burden upon the people of this great nation? We need net neutrality.

—John, Hunt, NY

FCC Net Neutrality is important because without it every company that supports the fast lane bullshit will just gain money in their pockets and screw over everybody else. Without Net Neutrality we can't have new websites come about due to them having to be significantly slower than everybody else and to even have a decent working website they would require to pay too much money to get their website to at least be able to load.

—Kevin Mas, Tamarac, FL

I don't spend my time on the internet using mega sites like Netflix. With net neutrality gone, my connection will suffer until I pay my cable company twice as much for a faster connection in total-- and the majority of the extra broadband would still be going to sites I don't use.

—Stephen Kelly, Sterling Heights, MI

A free and open internet is extremely important to our society. The exchange of information should not be subject to the whims of for-profit companies.

—Cory Fulghum-Carroll, Phoenix, AZ

The Internet is the last truly free nation - of which all humans may become citizens - let's keep it that way.

—Rachel Edgell, Peoria, IL

Dear FCC, the internet is too important to public discourse to let huge firms restrict access to whatever displeases them. Please resist the lobbying efforts to kill net neutrality.

—Sean Collins, Grand Rapids, MI

Eliminating net neutrality will create barriers for startups, aspiring artists, and anyone who uses the internet for promotional purposes. It will degrade competition and serve to further advantage those who can afford access to the internet "fast lane".

—Dan Toler, Syracuse, NY

Do not allow these corporations to take over OUR internet!

—Andrew John Kaszynski, Spring Valley, IL

With Comcast and Time Warner merging, the future of internet access is a dark one if they are allowed to do as they wish with the internet. You are the only ones with enough power to tell them they can't do whatever they want.

—Jacob Daniel Banes, Lafayette, IN

Net neutrality is important because it protects innovators and pioneers from having to pay "gate keepers" to allow fast access to their products and services

—Will Guerrant, Mebane, NC

Net neutrality is important to me because it is and has been a public resource for recreation and education. I think it is absolutely disgusting that the companies trying to block it are out of touch, selfish, greedy, rich corporations trying to get even richer. It is the mentality of these corporations that is helping to kill America!

—Jeff DiGiacomo, St.Cloud, FL

It's the only way to keep the cable companies from ruling the internet and creating a monopoly. There is literally no reason to slow the internet down artificially other than money. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Alexandra Weaver, Woodbridge, VA

Do we even need to tell you why this is important? If we do then you aren't doing your jobs. Of course, you aren't doing your jobs. You are the thieves that have placed yourselves above the population and you'll see the results of that greed sooner than later.

—Charles Evans, Astoria, NY

I like having the freedom to surf the internet how I want and at reasonable speeds between all my favorite websites.

—Steven Versa, Stouffville,

I'm in a low-income family whose daughter is just now starting school. I would like to be able to continue to use the internet for her learning. I can barely afford the internet I pay for now, so why would you penalize people further by forcing them to pay more for "fast lane" service just to keep the same standards I have now???

—Alexandria Kendrew, Mercer, PA

I've watched neighbors get screwed by Time Warner and Verizon just on contracts alone. I can't imagine what would happen if they had the ability to actually limit the internet with what sites/what speeds for certain websites could be seen. Please remain neutral. Please make broadband internet a PUBLIC utility.

—Kevin Wixom, Lakeside, CA

As a handicapped individual, net neutrality enables me to media and college study resources that Verizon and Comcast charged insane amounts. Its obviously imperative that if the United States wishes to keep up with rest of the world, a well educated, up to current population is necessary. Net neutrality accomplishes that.

—Gavin, Jacksonville, FL

Net neutrality is hugely important to me--but it's not just about me as a person. If net neutrality isn't upheld--isn't enforced--then we can say goodbye to gains made in education, and economic development around the country will be stifled. For everyone. By allowing ISPs to charge more for some Internet content, the FCC should absolutely be aware that these costs will trickle down to the most disadvantaged groups. Children whose continued participation in school is dependent upon Internet access, whose families can't afford the price increases, will likely drop or fail out--never to reach the heights of achievement that they otherwise would. Adults living at the poverty line or even slightly above it will be disadvantaged in seeking better job opportunities, because their access to higher-earning jobs, which increasingly ONLY allow online applications, will be stifled. Net Neutrality should be assured in the spirit of the First Amendment--protecting Americans' right to access and disperse information without infringement.

—Savannah McClelland, Pompano Beach, FL

A reduction in net neutrality is a reduction in freedom of speech. If all men are created equal than so is their speech. As such, all forms of free speech (excluding child pornography and the incitation of violence) in any type of media should be treated equally. Anything else is tantamount to saying that corporate profit is more important than the First Amendment.

—Robert Gormley, Chattanooga, TN

The beauty and strength of the Internet is that it is open for all people. All ideas, information, and creation can be trading between anyone with access to a computer or smartphone, and a wifi signal. Allowing some ISPs to charge more for access hurts those who need it most. People without access to education. Nonprofits who can't afford to pay more. Young people without a voice who need support. - All of that goes away. The Internet is one of the few things we have that isn't owned by corporations. It's owned by The People. Giving big corporations control is like selling free expression. They will limit what we're allowed to see, and what we're allowed to create. Please give The People back their Internet.

—Danielle Thillet, Central Islip, NY

To whom it may concern: I think we can all agree that the Internet is a pretty awesome thing. In the last twenty years it's become a massive cultural, academic, and intellectual force, and it's essentially the sum total of all human endeavor to date. You know why it's so awesome? Net neutrality. The fact that ISPs can't decide who gets service and who doesn't is the reason that the Internet is such a dynamic place. It's the true embodiment of a democratic society: anyone with a connection can say anything they want and succeed, and influence the success of others. If ISPs can decide which websites can and cannot get service, the Internet would die. The free exchange of information is reliant upon a free and open forum to do so, and if ISPs are given the right to close that forum to people who don't pay them, then information cannot be freely exchanged. It's the ultimate in corruption from a corporate scheme that already screws Americans as much as it can. You, as the FCC, are supposed to be the regulators, the defenders of the free exchange of ideas through media. If your proposed rules go through, and end net neutrality, then you will have failed in your duty. You will have failed in your duty to protect the simplest and most basic rights of all Americans and all people: to speak their mind. Not to mention, the death of net neutrality will mean the death of the Internet as an economic force. Internet start-ups are a massive industry, and they provide a much-wanted and much-needed service. If Comcast can charge Netflix more money for the service it needs, Netflix will either go out of business or pass the costs on to the consumer. In effect, ending net neutrality will screw the consumers and kill a large sector of the economy. In the current economic climate, that is something we simply cannot afford. So please, FCC, do your job. Give the cable companies the middle finger and defend net neutrality.

—David Edelman, HOLDEN, MA

I believe the internet is a digital common place for people to share ideas much like a park is a place for people to enjoy being outside. Right now both cost money for upkeep but that's not a direct cost that's seen by those who use the park irvine internet. If internet service providers are given the ability to make a direct cost to the users for certain websites there will be negative consequences. I don't believe the economic ideals of America are in accordance with taking away net neutrality and the benefits of taking away net neutrality are far outweighed by harm it will do overall.

—Trevor Hanks, Provo, UT

Do not let companies ruin the internet

—Meegan Dar, Scottsbluff, NE

Internet users in the United States have limited choices of ISPs compared to many other parts of the world. This lack of competition has resulted in higher prices and poorer service. Allowing ISPs to create a multi-tiered internet will make this worse and consolidate the power of large providers. The problem of ensuring an open internet while also enabling needed upgrades to infrastructure is complex. As such, there is no "magic wand" policy that will resolve everything by itself. That said, it is clear that an absolutely essential part of the solution is to classify internet service providers as common carriers to remove the internet from undue control by said service providers. We can then look to formulate additional policies to resolve remaining issues. There are a number of examples from Europe and Asia that demonstrate ways this can be done.

—Brian Colon, Fort Collins, CO

It is our right to have freedom of press and the freedom of speech. Net Neutrality would protect our rights guaranteed to us our 1st Amendment. Destroying that would be a clear violation.

—Michele Marx, Wharton, NJ

Because all knowledge should be freely accessible to everyone.

—Amy Martin, Brooklyn, NY

I urge you to disapprove Tom Wheeler's plan to permit rampant discrimination online. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers! That's what they are, and that's how they should be regulated.

—Scott Warren, Houston, TX

I am against monopolies. The cable providers currently act without competition. They provide the lowest amount of service possible while charging obscene amounts and now they want to control who has faster broadband speeds? Seems illegal to me. How is it that a media that has become so integral as a part of American life is so poorly regulated and controlled by tyrannical companies? And now the FCC is being run by a former cable company executive. The USA is the most powerful country in the world and yet has broadband speeds slower than some countries that have smaller populations than some of our cities. The term Net Neutrality means nothing to me, the injustice here is that more and more power is being given to cable companies and they are not being regulated.

—Tyler Heberle, Conneaut Lake, PA

The internet is not broken. This will only provide internet providers the opportunity to charge more and more for access. We (the United States) pay more than any other country for this service. We must not end Net Neutrality.

—Gail Wolcott, Corvallis, OR

We as citizens, and voters, want net neutrality, REAL net neutrality. This should not be a government of business, by business, for business, rather instead, the PEOPLE. Thank You

—Mike Jaureguy, South Chatham, MA

The large cable companies prey on the vulnerable and create an environment inconsistent with free enterprise. Their monopoly position needs to be tempered with, at minimum, net neutrality.

—M J Main, Naperville, IL

The internet doesn't need to become a corporation.

—Shamia Casiano, Jersey City, NJ

I will not tolerate internet service providers engaging in old rigid Paramount Pictures block booking and blind bidding and old RKO General bribery and dishonest behavioral practices in controlling web content and in the event the internet service providers are violating the Net Neutrality rule they can automatically receive FCC's version of the death penalty as severe punishment for choosing to engage in violating Net Neutrality.

—James (Jimmy) Cieloha, Duncan, NE

Net Neutrality is important because people shouldn't have to pay extra to get the things they're already paying for.

—David Martin, New York, NY

I strongly object to the establishment of a two-tiered internet system that clearly favors industry and most certainly the affluent. The classification of Internet Service Providers as common carriers would preserve internet neutrality and I support this action.

—HL Brammell M.D., Denver, CO

We NEED Net Neutrality!!! It is vitally important to CLOSE the technology gap between the poor and the rich, NOT widen it!!!! The ISPs are huge corporations only interested in PROFITS, not people. The middle class is being squeezed from every which way already. Is it the intention of government to ELIMINATE the middle class and only have the poor and rich in this country? If not, reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!!

—Tina Rosa, Providence, RI

There is already enough of a division between those who can afford more quality and those who cannot. I am on the end that cannot. I am also a graphic designer and this will effect my future jobs. Keep it even, keep it fair. It's outrageous that this is even a discussion.

—Gina Aliberte, Bearsville, NY

As an IT developer and consumer, it is core to me and those that I work with to have the ability to change and evolve technology and our usage of it. This technological world we are in is still very young and open ideas and collaboration is key to its growth. If Net Neutrality is not maintained, then private profit hungry companies will control and dictate how I can perform my craft. This would stifle innovation and put us at a further disadvantage against other Net Neutral countries. It could also cost me my job. There are so many new companies with ideas and services that will need people like me to help evolve the IT age, and if Net Neutrality is not maintained, they will be held down and made invisible by those that do not want the status quo to change. I hope you will do what's right for the US and not what big business wants. The choice comes down to a simple question, what are the down sides of being Net Neutral, compared to the down sides of not being Net Neutral?

—Lee Milam, Magnolia, TX

I am writing to express my strong objection to the FCC's plan to allow Internet Service Providers (ISPs) the option to create a multi-tiered system for delivery of Internet content. I demand that the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I have listened attentively to the ISP-side argument that a two-lane system will be "fast and faster, not fast and slow", but as a long time technology specialist and website developer my experience with computer users tells me that the fastest speed experienced will quickly and widely be perceived as the norm, and anything slower will quickly and widely become a test of the user's patience. For the foreseeable future, classification of ISPs as common carriers is the only way to insure Net Neutrality. Sincerely, John Harrington everheldwebgroup.com

—John R. Harrington Jr., Boston, MA

The Internet is like air, It should be free and unfettered for all kinds of ideas and messages. The ability of carriers to discriminate is a threat to freedom of expression. Allowing carriers to discriminate in any way (and I include regulating for political content should be illegal). Please do not institute the proposed FCC Rules.

—Bill Tosick, Glenville, PA

The Internet should be just as free as this country was supposed to be.

—Kristen Harrison, Coventry, RI

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I support internet freedom.

—Crystal laiosa, Madison, OH

The Internet is a place for sharing ideas freely. That freedom goes away the second you let cable companies decide how fast of a connection your site can have. That eliminates free speech on the internet in its entirety. Please reinstate Net Neutrality.

—Henry Walsh, Douglas, GA

Net Neutrality is currently the only thing promoting the availability and efficacy of the internet as it currently stands. Over 20 years have been spent getting the internet to where it is now. 20 years of time that can be destroyed in just moments following the passing of the FCC internet amendments. To restrict the internet is to defecate on the graves of all those involved in the struggle of creating all that currently exists.

—Ralph Winterton, Victoria,

Net Neutrality is necessary because the Internet has become a critical driver of our economy. Small business is the largest contributor to the American economy and the Internet is practically a requirement for any business to succeed. These proposed rules give big business the power to determine whether a small business succeeds not consumers. They allow large corporations to pick and choose what small businesses win and which ones fail. These rules create a system of sanctioned discrimination that permits businesses to choose what content is appropriate for their clients encouraging corporate censorship based on what information the telecom company deems acceptable. This cannot be allowed to happen as it flies against EVERYTHING that America was built on.

—Daniel Bryan, Manvel, TX

It is unexceptable to assume that with all of the obvious corruption in the government that the people are going to stand for this. If you are looking to anger the whole country and have them publicly bring forth their complaints with all of the obvious violations against free people, please continue this insanity and expect what's coming. **EVERYONE I KNOW IS PISSED ABOUT THIS.** It will not go over well if this policy is integrated into the current lexicon. Avoid serious conflict with the american people and stop this pathological attack on freedom.

—Jason A. Vivier, Manchester, NH

My personal opinion is that you should not charge us for using websites such as Netflix or sites that use a lot of bandwidth. I think that since we already pay for some sites or entertainment, such as Netflix or Xbox Live, and we also pay for our internet, it is not fair to us for you to charge us more than we are already being charged for. Please take this into consideration and put thought into it. I know you're just doing your job, but try to do the right thing.

—Ethan Hanks, College Station, TX

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Lj Hunniford, Columbia, CT

The internet is much too important to be sold on the slaveblock to the bidders with the biggest lobbying budgets. Equal access has made it the success it has become; do not mess with success.

—Don Porter, Schenectady, NY

The idea of companies being able to pick and choose which sites get preferential treatment is a terrifying prospect which can never be allowed to pass.

—Andrew Pirritano, Langhorne, PA

Because not having net neutrality is retarded.

—Nathan, Waterloo, ON,

Keep the net neutral! Stop the monopolies!

—Timothy Kleck, State College, PA

Net neutrality means shall business that wasn't possible before, can now be supported by, and reach large, worldwide customer bases. These customer bases means a larger more stable economy. by allowing three cable companies to tell consumers where they can shop, you're allowing them to decide who is allowed to thrive, rather than allow a free economy. which to my knowledge is what America stands for.

—Thomas W Hicks, Abilene, TX

Net Neutrality is the only and most effective way to protect the new upcoming content developers from corporate giants. If ISPs are not classified as common carriers the whole system of democracy will not last.

—Joshua Bollschweiler, Moreno Valley, CA

You cannot do this! Companies should not be profiting over others simply because of some new rules which in my opinion, ruin everything the internet is about. These proposed new rules are not fair in any sense of the word. Keep the internet neutral!

—Teresa Cowley, Victoria, BC,

For years, the circumcision industry dominated the airwaves. Only with the free flow of information made available by the internet have Americans been able to learn about the natural function of the intact penis and the harms caused by foreskin amputation. We must allow all voices and audiences equal access to connect. No fast lanes or slow lanes in the internet, please!

—David Atkinson, Patchogue, NY

Keep information free flowing. Don't break a working system.

—Colette Ricci, Saint Paul, MN

I like Netflix and they are being unfairly squeezed by cable companies into paying extra fees. It's downright bullying.

—Michael Starks, Orem, UT

Net neutrality is the key to keeping the internet open. The cable/internet companies will be making more money and the one that will suffer is the consumer, as always. This with other regulations keeps making the internet more and more commercialize and not this open free space for all. Please maintain net neutrality, keep the internet open.

—Angelica Minaya, Valhalla, NY

Preserve net neutrality and do it meow. You have the power to define the internet as a common carrier, thus defending it from the cable companies!

—Shaun, Portsmouth, RI

It is more essential to the future than nearly anything.

—Evan Jonigkeit, new york, NY

For working class people who live in rural areas. Currently broadband is outrageous. Charging outlandish prices for data prevents progress in many ways. An example for me personally is I can't attend online college because of the cost of data. Open the airwaves up and allow progress.

—Deborah Wofford, Hoquiam, WA

The internet should be equally accessed by everyone, no matter how much money they can afford to spend on it. This would also allow big businesses a boost over small ones, something that should not be allowed. The internet has always been equal and it needs to remain that way. This will make it that much harder for the poor and small businesses to succeed. Protect net neutrality!

—Stephanie Manning, Williamsfield, IL

If we are to remain a democracy and republic the works in favor of the the average citizen we must keep the internet open with equal access for all and not make it profit centered for a few. In this modern era, the need for equal access of information and economic opportunity is as important as equal access to clean and safe water and air. DO NOT approve any rules or laws to change this. thank you.

—Katie Krikorian, Duluth, MN

As a teacher in a public school system, Net Neutrality is extremely important. If Net Neutrality is taken away, education will take an enormous step backward in the United States. With the current educational standards in place, teachers are required to help students learn to navigate through various types of nonfiction material and comprehend it. If the Internet is placed on restrictions, that will be a very difficult task, and schools will not be able to afford the kind of Internet needed to help students learn to comprehend essential nonfiction material. Do not take Net Neutrality away from us simply because there is monetary profit to be gained; educational profit will suffer.

—Christia Gugel, STE. GENEVIEVE, MO

We need Net Neutrality. If the service providers are able to determine what we can or can't access and how fast, this would kill many markets and weaken collaboration and creativity. For example, there are games out there, such as Minecraft, that allow users to create their own content. This can include things as simple as just creating a world to play in or as advanced as creating modifications to the game through coding. I know many kids who have gained an interest in Computer Programming because of games like this. The easy access to the resources they need (tutorials, code samples, and mods from others) helped encourage them. If the provider made it so that it would cost more to access some of these tools, this would be like requiring kids to have to pay to enter the library in their school and then maybe even to access some of the books. Basically, the service provider could charge a premium for the kid to access a search engine, such as Google. They could also then require even more money to access some of the sites that their search turns up. This is just one example, there are many more areas that this would hurt more than help. It doesn't take much imagination to move my example from just a game to collaboration between businesses. The few benefits of losing Net Neutrality is far outweighed by the amount of benefits we will lose by losing Net Neutrality.

—Richard DeLong, Ponchatoula, LA

It is absolutely outrageous that this change to the internet access is being considered. We the public are being lied to regarding this matter. The internet should be open to all and not controlled by those who can afford to access. This would deny freedom of speech to the general public. This is only a means to suppress and control information. The FCC should be censured by all for even considering this suppression of free speech. Shame Shame on all of you.

—Carolyn Bradley, Aston, PA

Net neutrality is very important. Without it, you're going to allow the big brands charge more and start to kill the little brands business. Which is exactly why America is failing and has a terrible economy. We're allowing monopolies to form, thereby losing small businesses and allowing costs to skyrocket and wages to stay low, because we're catering to the companies that only see dollar signs. If you allow Net Neutrality to disappear, you are proving just how far the US has fallen. Especially when nations like Japan have national free WiFi for every person.

—John Hull, Mesa, AZ

Dear FCC, Unlike Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T, I unfortunately do not have hundreds of thousands of dollars to convince you that wealthy companies should not control the internet. I have to appeal to your conscience, not your wallet. This seems like an impossible uphill battle, but it's worth a try. The beauty of the internet is its accessibility to everyone. Anyone can create a site and hope that word-of-mouth, not money to cable companies, ensures its success. A start-up shouldn't be impeded by fees to the cable companies. Neither should a multi-national corporation, for that matter. So please, FCC, please put your wallets aside and keep the internet honest. Thank you.

—Sarah Spencer, New Orleans, LA

The Internet is about the only utility where having it free and open actually INCREASES the quality of what is out there. The FCC is the only bastion between these corporations running roughshod over their customers in pursuit of short term gains. Please, Mr Wheeler, don't be a lobbyist. BE the FCC Chair. Declare them a common carrier. Don't let their money or power push you around. Stand up to them, please.

—Sean McBurney, Inverness, FL

Keep the big guys out of our free Internet. Remember free radio, free tv. Thank goodness we still have free radio and "some" free tv. Pay for Internet will leave the majority of the people out of the loop with the wealthy and corporations ruling every aspect of our lives

—Carol M Hermanson, Dexter, MN

A free and open internet is one of the most important creations of the modern world. The world becomes a little worse for all of us if we lose net neutrality.

—Rebecca Farfsing, Chicago, IL

I pay extra money for high speed internet so that I don't have to waste time waiting for pages to load. Why should ISP's be allowed to choke my "high speed" internet because the page I want to view didn't also pay? More importantly, in real life, the rich can make their voices heard by using their money, while the poor are often swept to the side. The internet changed that, and now, anyone can say whatever they want online, and everyone can hear it. It is a powerful tool to let everyone's voice be heard. If net neutrality is eliminated, many of those voices will be silenced, because they can't afford the luxury of having their views be put in the "fast lane". Simply put, net neutrality is an important defender of free speech, and the world would be a much darker place without it.

—Nicholas Pennington, Jacksonville, IL

Getting rid of net neutrality will ruin the internet. Please don't let this happen.

—Sarha Hall, Modesto, CA

Freedom of speech. Freedom to educate ones self. Freedom of expression. Equality for all artists, businesses, and scholars no matter how big or small. The internet is somewhat of a collective consciousness. Capitalism has no place in the abstract or a democracy.

—Alex Phillips, santa barbara, CA

The internet with net neutrality is a shining example of the first amendment. . It's one thing to pay for the pipeline, it's entirely another thing to have to pay for the content too. Internet service providers should not be permitted to monitor how that bandwidth is used, and without net neutrality they will have every reason to monitor and track everything their subscribers are using that bandwidth for. This is a huge invasion of privacy, and should not be allowed. If this means declaring isp's as common carriers so be it.

—Katherine Stewart, Oregon City, OR

Because America has terrible internet everything. Lets not make it worse

—Blake Allen, Tulsa, OK

We, as a society, have a standard that one does not have to pay extra to be treated equally. Net Neutrality is equality in distribution and access to information. This inequality is artificial - the hardware of the internet does not distinguish between the kinds of bits that flow through its' pipes. By instituting artificial barriers to information cable companies grant control of information to media companies that they are affiliated with or that are willing to pay for access. It will leave behind anyone who is not affiliated with the cable companies or unable to pay the fees. By removing Net Neutrality we limit equality to those who can pay for it and artificially restrain those who can't.

—Pieter Spealman, Pittsburgh, PA

There Internet should not be sold to the highest bidder. Equal access for all!

—Susan Walsh, Pawtucket, RI

Net neutrality is important to me, as an individual, because it means I will receive the same speed internet at the same cost as big corporations.

—Barbara, Elm Grove, WI

Allowing certain companies to have a fast lane while other companies will certainly have their load times dramatically slowed (don't pretend this won't happen, it will i.e. Netflix) is one of the dumbest proposals I have ever heard. A good government should look to expand freedoms for the people not offer favors to special interest groups. This proposal is probably the dumbest and most dangerous proposal made by this administration, and there have been plenty so that says a lot. Having a former lobbyist for the special interests spearheading this proposal illustrates further the idiocy and dangerousness of this proposal. DO NOT END NET NEUTRALITY.

—Brian Mueller, Saint Louis, MO

I don't want the internet to become restricted like cable TV. I don't want there to be monopolies. I want more competitors so that I can choose between price, quality, and service. I don't want to pay [play] favorites.

—Cody Geisler, VERSAILLES, IN

So let me get this straight we are the land of the free but yet you take everything away from the the people. So I now understand why people have abandoned the country and given up their American Citizenship. Why do you believe that you have to fix something that is not broken. People can't afford to even put meals on their table and those that are holding their homes together are now faced with this. Why can't everyone be treated equal? The big companies are all ready taking a big chunk of peoples pay checks because we want the convenience and now this is being proposed? This is totally out of control and needs to be seriously thought about and viewed on how it currently is and how well its working!! People are abandoning cable TV and keeping just the cable internet because the cost of this is out of control.

—Robbyn Ives, Somersworth, NH

Anything related to the development of the internet, including studies, research & development, installation of fiber optic transmission lines, and any other internet-related infrastructure that was funded or in any way supported by taxpayers, belongs to the taxpaying public. Period.

—Michael J Maleska, Hibbing, MN

I rely on net neutrality to stay in touch with family and work from home when I'm ill and not worry about poor connectivity. The internet is fine as it is; no need to change it. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jonathon Townsend, vancouver, WA

Open discourse and economic competition will be shamefully throttled by a two tiered system of "premium" access.

—David Loseno, Seattle, WA

It is beyond selfish and harmful to our future to give any amount of control of the internet to any company, organization, state, government, etc, etc. It is what has and will continue to free this world from its closeminded concept of life through instant connection. Please do not ruin that. One break in the levy, and our whole future of a liberated and educated world will be gone. I would go as far as to say that even the possibility of true peace lies deep within the internet. I wish you and whoever else is reading this would agree that if our founding fathers were alive today, they would all condemn and forever abolish any type of ending or altering net neutrality. They would NEVER agree to putting a price on access to instant connectivity, media, free market trading, music and art, politics, free speech, and most importantly but by far the last, education and virtually infinite information. All of these are what the internet offers us. Please do the right thing, for the sake of our children and in the name of a united human race.

—Isaac Symington, Columbia, MO

Really? We want corporations to control the Internet too? They already bought the Government Elections with Citizens United and McCutcheson-we need to PROTECT the Internet not give it to corporations to discriminate against those that are not rich.

—Mr. David Webster, Lake Zurich, IL

Cable companies are bloated enough with power and money. The internet, which has become an essential in the modern day to do practically anything, should not be handed financially over to those seeking to end net neutrality. It's like the robber barons of the early 1900's and it really mustn't be allowed. Net Neutrality shouldn't even be in question, the free and open nature of it has advanced aspects of life and the sharing of knowledge immeasurably and to allow massive corporations to take that away would be to say that average citizen does not matter. Net Neutrality protects the citizens of this country.

—Sarah Romer, Highlands Ranch, CO

This vast resource which is able to carry information and knowledge throughout the world should not be held hostage to the dogma of corporate greed. I do not trust AT&T, Comcast, or any other internet provider to not try to throttle the flow until the consumer "pays up."

—Genie Hawkins, Fremont, CA

I oppose any set of regulations that would allow faster Internet speeds for those willing to pay for it. This would critically undermine the principle of Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is necessary to insure that the Internet continues to function as a speech forum for all parties, including those outside the mainstream. It is vital to protect minority opinions, because crucial social improvements have often come from viewpoints that were initially marginal and unconventional. Abandoning the principle of Net Neutrality would greatly undermine civil society in the United States.

—Peter Shrock, Hammond, LA

I dream of one day opening my own studio. With an open internet I can make a website and advertise on google as a cheaper and more effective way of advertising than the traditional methods that I won't be able to afford at first.

—John James Rocca, Oceanside, CA

because...nice guys shouldn't be expected to finish last.

—Mary Roman Heleniak, Ellijay, GA

Net Neutrality is key in our digital age. I'm appalled by FCC's proposal to undermine it.

—Wolfgang Hladik, Dunwoody, GA

Internet is my outlet

—Samantha Weighman, Kalkaska, MI

Income should not be another divider in the access to wealth of information! Please preserve net neutrality.

—Katharine Bartlett, Midlothian, VA

FCC chairman Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for the wealthy who can afford extra fees and a slow dirt road for those who do not make enough in our already pitiful economy to purchase it. The internet is one of the primary sources for information in the modern age and without it, those who have easy access to all kinds of information would be denied that privilege. Yes, there are libraries, but somehow I'm doubting the already dwindling funding for libraries will somehow increase because of this policy. These companies will have the power to pick "winners" and "losers" online and discriminate against online content and applications and none of our citizens would be able to do anything about it. This must be stopped-- throw out your rules and instead RECLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers, LIKE THEY ALREADY ARE!

—Everett Bartlett, Sumerduck, VA

So I can get a good education without having to pay more than I am already am.

—William Harrell, Reidsville, NC

This is a disgrace and discriminates against anyone who cant afford to pay for a faster service . It would also allows unfair competition allowing big corporations to block competing smaller companies content at will. So much for freedom of speech sort this out FCC . The internet should always remain within Net Neutrality. The corporations already own & run the US & Europe are you going to give them complete control of the internet as well?

—Timothy Hughes, Par,

It isn't necessarily net neutrality's importance to me (trust me it is) proper, but its the idea that you, as a purported bastion of public interest would betray that interest, and allow private entities to dismantle a tool responsible for such far-reaching innovation: that's truly what's disturbing. When you pander to those interests you crush the very spirit of enterprise that makes this country great. The reverberation will be felt past the borders of our country and have negative global ramifications in diverse fields: health, humanitarian, economic, freedom of expression. Understand that you would be responsible.

—Mr. Senju Rajan, Staten Island, NY

It's literally just the right thing to do

—Renda Writer, Miami, FL

It's literally just the right thing to do

—Robert Mursuli, fort lauderdale, FL

Please don't ruin something that is already working perfect without interference. It's literally just the right thing to do
—Kelly Dow, Davie, FL

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—Carol Davis-Dow, Davie, FL

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—Tristina Dietz Elmes, Fort lauderdale, FL

To me, net neutrality means being free to go wherever I want. If this Orwellian rule passes, all of us will be herded around like animals. We'll be forced to listen to those who have the money to afford fast service, and every other voice will be shoved aside or shot down. Name one country that has ever seen good come from that.
—Joey Redlin, Round Lake Beach, IL

Hi I want you all to know something! I will not take this lying down because I would love for you all to be on this end of the internet as a regular person and deal with your crap for a year.! Just know that I will not be the only one in America that will not let this go on. So watch for others like me and myself included to make sure this does not get very far.
—Thomas Bracken, Bullhead City, AZ

Because innovation that has brought us marvelous tools like Google and YouTube and social media, and many, many other great inventions should not be stamped down and punished. Because I have a right to information in this country and a lack of Net Neutrality is equal to censorship.
—Sofia Vazquez-Duran, Windsor, CA

Keep net neutrality!! We do not need the internet to be another line of discrimination and division between people around the globe. It is time that you start listening to the people and our concerns, I pay to use a service and expect that service to continue to be open. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Lyini Coleman, Houston, TX

Any decent and caring and genuine people would not allow a two tier system for the internet that would seriously affect everyday users of the internet, those same people who are using you to pass a bill that would only suit them is unacceptable, it's not the right thing to do because why do they need to manipulate this, it begs a serious question, please do not let them have this bill passed.
—Yeunal Piper, Mansfield,

What the FCC purposes is just not only hinders are free space, but goes against the very capitalist ideas that America were based on. The ability to choose something on the merit of the product when in comparison to other products is a necessity that helps promotes growth as individuals and people in general. The internet is a magical library that can help anyone at any time. Are we as people allow our cable providers whom already make billions of dollar off our backs and have them make more money off us again? When will it be enough? Look I'll pay for the extra channels, I'll pay more for fast internet, but if net neutrality is taken away from us, our computers will be as watered down and useless as our Television. We are tired of special interest groups controlling our lives. Political Correctness, NSA spying on us, and finally the FCC, what more liberties do we have to sacrifice to appease the special interest. We the American People must put a stop special Interest for the sake fairness and freedom. We must put a stop to the hegemony that is special interest and make it fair so that every argument can be heard no matter the offense or, inconvenience that it might raise. We must protect freedom of speech first. T
—Edward Parreno, Riverside, CA

Net neutrality is an information highway that assists the 99% in many ways: bringing formal education to the distant and disabled, connecting employers and employees, supporting consumerism by advertising broadly and likewise allowing wise spending choices, making medical information accessible, providing public forums to support a democratic society, linking otherwise lonely individuals to family and friends, supporting small business in almost every aspect of operation in a more affordable manner. Please do not allow unfettered greed to once more take advantage of those human beings. If these wealthier entities want more/better service then they should enhance the utility of the internet for all; just as new construction must install/enhance/upgrade roads and utilities for their projects so as not to negatively impact others.

—Tina Bryant, Bremerton, WA

Because it is the last part of true freedom in the world, an act of faith in humanity : human building a link between everybody, without control or asking for money is the most beautiful proof that human are not that bad or greedy. And it just make me sad.

—Smith Nathalie, Anglet,

The Internet has become a public utility ad should be treated as such.

—Margaret Goodman, Glen Mills, PA

My household uses the internet as its main supplier of entertainment. We currently pay for movie streaming sites and game subscriptions and while they are worth it I wouldn't want improvements that could be implemented by new businesses to be blocked from enjoying the same chance for success as the current providers due to some kind of preferred/tiered service structure that benefits corporations with deep pockets.

—Christopher W Ives, Somersworth, NH

Preserve net neutrality and the egalitarianism of the Internet.

—Thomas Sonnabend, Rockville, MD

Securing Net Neutrality will prevent divisive control and manipulation of the Internet by corporate interests. This invention will deliver a great gift to mankind if its freedom to evolve is protected and guarded.

—John Lawlor, Annamoe,

The FCC is supposed to protect the citizens of the USA. PLEASE DO YOUR JOB, FCC.

—Carole Crowe Frank, New York, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not allow the creation of a two-tiered Internet. The Internet is not broken.

—Donald Benson, Temecula, CA

Chairman Wheeler's plan provides no meaningful protection from corporations seizing control of the internet for corporate gains. They've already destroyed a free press and have turned the publicly-owned air waves for TV and Radio into a dollar store for cheap goods and a bully pulpit for uninformed blowhards. Don't let this happen to the internet! Robert Robinson Washington, DC 20010

—Robert Robinson, Washington, DC

Six months ago, I started a website called The Nerd Assembly, a blogging site where we share our thoughts on all things pop culture. We've seen a steady increase in traffic the last few months, but nothing that's making us much money. We do it because we love it. Net neutrality -- TRUE net neutrality -- makes The Nerd Assembly possible. The Internet is a level playing field, a place where there is true freedom. But with these new rules, you will kill that. Give the power to the Internet Service Providers, and you will kill us smaller sites. Beyond that, you will essentially censor what I see, what sites I visit. My privacy, my freedom, will be a thing of the past. If you want to make money from the Internet, then figure out another way. Take a page from our book, and try a little ingenuity. But don't fuck us over.

—Emily Allender, Scottsdale, AZ

An "Open Internet" is what makes the net such a powerful and viable source, to allow a change to closed internet would only benefit the corp world. I would not like to be the government that brought this change to billions of end users.

—Stuart, Springwood,

RECLASSIFY ISPSs AS COMMON CARRIERS !!

—Gerald R Demonte, PLAINVILLE, MA

It seems to me that the cable providers are mainly trying to eliminate competition. If this goes through, and net neutrality is changed in ANY way, families like mine will not be able to afford entertainment. If we were to watch Netflix, Hulu or any of our other internet related entertainment (Twitch, YouTube, etc) we would end up paying more for internet than we do for our power bill. I could rant and rage about how it's taking away the last fundamental of our freedoms as well, but I'm sure that point has been driven into the ground. And while it's worth mentioning, I also feel it's important to think of the bigger picture. The predictable high costs will not only affect whether or not some homes will receive internet, but it will affect the economy in a horrendous way. Gaming companies, small businesses, and even some larger companies will not be able to afford the necessary costs, causing loss of jobs, which means less money flowing into the economy pool. We will suffer even more ridiculous inflation, and many will be forced to leave their homes not being able to maintain a job higher than minimum wage. It will eventually lead to few to none being able to afford internet and the cycle will be complete and collapse in on itself.

—Joe Ann Gaskin, Rome, GA

Web application speed has everything to do usability. I am a software developer working on building applications for my clients. My dream is to one day completely live off the money i make from my software. I just need a great idea hard work and fast infrastructure to be successful. This proposal takes a dump on that dream. The cable companies already make a profit providing the same fast service today. Why do they need more?

—Ray Garcia, lewisville, TX

Inequality is becoming more apparent in America. Please do not add more fuel to the fire. Who is looking out for the people of this country? Not corporations, but human beings? Hopefully, we can depend on you.

—Denise Johnson, Arlington, TX

Net neutrality serves to protect small web-based companies from discrimination. It is the foundation of freedom and enables a fair, self-regulated market in which I currently love to participate. I don't want companies like Comcast and Verizon deciding who gets to be the "next big thing." I pay Comcast for access to what I want to see, and they shouldn't be allowed to double dip (make the content creators pay for me to access their content, something I have already paid for). I couldn't care less about corporate profits. I couldn't care less even if the prevalence of net neutrality decimated the economy as we know it (which it won't. In fact, ending net neutrality will create inefficiencies and likely hurt the economy in the long run). The WWW serves as the last bastion of true freedom and expression. Please don't let a few, profit hungry corporations speak over the voices of millions, and act as the voice of those who do not understand this complicated issue (a reality they take advantage of).

—Joseph Janiga, Santa Cruz, CA

People often speak of what it means to be American. When I envision this philosophical ideal I often think about the freedoms we hold dear and fight to hold onto. Part of these freedoms is the ability to showcase your innovations, ideas, and to pursue the life you wish. As time has passed our world has evolved and the technology that drives communication among all people has grown. Broadband internet access has become the primary way that the average person communicates with their peers, friends, and loved ones. I firmly believe that it is the primary resource for myself and most others when communicating. In this way broadband should be reclassified as a "telecommunications service." I have been using the internet since the days of dial-up and from what I have gathered over the years is using it for communication purposes is not only its primary use, but the original reason for its creation. From chat services, to web-based forums, and into meme based sharing sites we use this tool to communicate our loves, ideas, desires, worries, and fears amongst ourselves in order to better understand the world. To take this ability of free communication away from the American citizens goes against everything that we as a people hold dear and what our ancestors envisioned as the American way. Please, reclassify broadband internet access as a telecommunications service.

—Joseph Pautz, Asheville, NC

Angry people start revolutions. Don't piss off everyone by giving control of the internet to your companies

—Mr. Matt Sharp, Los Angeles, CA

The internet being free and equal is as American as the stars and stripes. I am 100% pro net neutrality and for the sake of enlightenment and enlightenment of my children, hands off the internet. Ensure Net neutrality.

—Sean Smith, Seal beach, CA

The Internet is an important piece of infrastructure and it must not be managed by profiteers. It must not be put up for sale.

—Wayne Lorentz, Pacifica, CA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpbOEoRrHyU> I think this literally sums up my feelings

—Caleb Kraft, Dunkirk, IN

Don't let the cable and phone companies ruin the internet.....PLEASE!!!!

—Linda winn, Springfield, OR

Let's not let big business make policy this time. The internet needs to be neutral.

—Susan Schuengel, la Grange, IL

Everyone at FCC should watch "The Internet's Own Boy." Stop messing with a free internet. It's criminal to even consider. Tom Wheeler: stop lying about what you're attempting to do. Do the right thing once and for all and then get out of the way.

—Kitt Flynn, grass valley, CA

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Keep Internet Control in the USA keeping the UN out of any part of the internet.

—Richard Van Allen, Monticello, MN

Internet connectivity is a right, not a privilege for the wealthy. If we really don't want people to be in poverty then we need to give everyone equal access to the resources they need to get a good education &/or a job. You need the internet as a resource for your education. You need it to get a job.

—Stephanie Blair, San Francisco, CA

net neutrality is important because the internet is not a tool for war anymore and it's not understandable why is it legal and just good to grant better connection to corporates while the rest wait in a row for little liters of water. there's no reason to depend on the FCC's net rules. no one should be Tom Wheeler's hungry peasant

—Marcelo Tuller, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires,

Net Neutrality is vital for the future development of our society.

—Mr. Neil Bleifeld, New York, NY

If the FCC doesn't know freedom of speech is basic, the FCC should be eliminated.

—Leo T. Olson, Clearwater, FL

I don't want to be spied on or my searches to be used by anyone! Reverse the rule and classify ISP'S as common carriers that they truly are now. The internet is as much about communicating as anything. ISP'S need to be relabeled now!

—Robert Hargrave, Canton, NC

To the point where you start discriminating and charging people differently- I think all of us should turn off our internet. The FCC needs to look out for us, the common citizen, and not their bottom dollar every time. You need to make ISPs common carriers.

—Margie Self, Fayetteville, NC

The internet works because of the open and unfettered transfer of information among all the organizations that own or use part of the infrastructure. It would be patently unfair to some of the owners and users (particularly those of us who rely on the internet for content and data) if our access to the full benefits of content and speed of all the content developers were curtailed by allowing the more powerful and larger infrastructure owners to throttle back access to some sources of content and favor others. Please keep the information highway equally available to all suppliers and users by rejecting the idea of a two- (or more) tiered structure that would intrinsically establish winners and losers: reclassify the ISP's as common carriers!

—Steve Guch, Mount Dora, FL

I do not want to be relegated to second class status with respect to internet access and simply because ISP providers want to pad their bottom line. The internet is a public electronic highway just as our broadcast airwaves are. Corporations should not be allowed to hold consumers hostage to the corporate desire to gouge internet users even more. Net neutrality is a public right!

—Frederick Rhodes, Houston, TX

The FCC needs to reverse its prior decisions and reclassify Internet access services as "telecommunications services" under the law and treat ISPs at the common carriers they are. I always thought Government regulation was to stop monopolies from taking over and running our great nation. Unfortunately, it seems in recent years our government has been in the business of helping create and sustain monopolies instead. I ask that the FCC reconsider what they are doing and ask themselves who they were created to protect in the first place. I already have issues with receiving good internet service putting more power into the hands of internet providers is not going to solve the issues that exist and will only make them worse.

—Jo Rayl, Fort Wayne, IN

I feel that right now, an issue so great has accrued, so monumentally disgusting, so gut wrenchingly evil, that I must participate in something I believed I never should. Politics. By letting this plan become reality essentially what is happening is not only the United States government, but really every single citizen of the United States of America is allowing cable companies to manipulate the one thing they haven't already manipulated for their own good. The internet. I need to ask all politicians this question, are you really, willing to allow the one thing that is possibly humanities last hope to break free of this disgusting system we've been forced into, where the major families of the world, who control not only the cash-flow of the world, but the social norms, which they have literally turned into dispel any other forms of thinking besides our own, do not question why we live life the way its lived right now, why there is so much suffering in the world, all of which is completely unnecessary. In this disgusting world where money rules the population, where money and power is more important then helping the starving people of the world, helping those who don't know where they will get their next meal, if you don't believe me, that starving and suffering today is completely unnecessary, then please allow me to enlighten you. In the early 1900's, a brilliant man, of the name Nikola Tesla, you may have heard of him, he had found a way to produce pollution free energy, without means of combustion. He literally could create energy, and if you don't believe it the fact the JP Morgan, saw this happening, realized it was a threat to his copper wire monopoly, in which he was making a fortune from copper, which was being used to send and receive energy, much like today. When he realized this new free energy wouldn't need wires, and would supply the world with abundant and clean energy, he not only cut off funding to Tesla, but shortly after, Teslas lab was literally burned to the ground. This is no longer speculation, or some conspiracy theory, no, for a conspiracy theory is what it sounds like, a theory, it is not speculation, but fact that the families like Rockefeller, Rothschilds, and others big names have been manipulating the system for their own wealth and power. If you truly don't believe this, then let me ask, why do companies like verizon and TWC want to be able to limit the internet, and only provide it to some people, which is what is going to happen. If these companies think otherwise, then why don't they put it into the law, I'd like to directly speak to the companies like verizon, comcast, and TWC when I say, You are terrified of the internet, you are so petrified of the fact that people can get information out to the world in an instant, and mark my words, once your true intention gets out to the people, there will be an uproar of fury. If you really want to save not only our constitutional rights, but our power to arise and connect if we need, which we will need, then destroy your rules, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers, its the only way to protect the last hope for us, net neutrality. We need Net Neutrality so throw away the rules, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers, this is literally what everyone Except the large corporations, who look to just get bigger, and more disgusting from this. I ask one for time, PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY THROW OUT THE RULES RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS

—Walter, no, IL

The internet is often thought of as just a hub for pornography. While there is a seemingly incalculable amount of it online, the web is so much more than just a way to get off. It's a connection to the world, a global link between people from all over our planet Earth. People can voice an opinion no matter how illogical and misinformed, or perfectly thought out, and sometimes profound, it may be. It's now a widely accepted source of credible information whereas when I was in middle school, even up until I graduated high school, there were close to zero online sources I was allowed to use for research papers and homework. It's a way for people to save money on items for everyday use, plan vacations, keep in touch with old friends and family members, for businesses to start up, for abused animals to be rescued, for patients to find doctors, for musicians and artists to reach an audience, and a virtually limitless source of entertainment. The internet is a tool people can use to enrich their lives. With the new proposed Internet rules, I understand all of those things will still be available, but at what cost? If large companies are able to pay more money to have more content available at faster speeds, then the cost of their services will undoubtedly increase, which will inevitably trickle down to the end user, the consumer. What's fantastic about the internet the way it is, is that regular people with an idea have a way to bring it to fruition. When the federal government gets their hands on this piece of technology and starts sending it out to the highest bidder, then a normal, middle class citizen is automatically forced to the end of line, struggling to break through to middle of the pack. I'm not saying he or she will never be able to get noticed, but how is one man or woman supposed to compete a company like Amazon? My biggest concern with all of this, is that since individuals or corporations with big bank accounts will be able to pay for their share of the internet they provide and how its distributed, when will they decide to start censoring, banning and eliminating existing content and refusing new content? A television station can choose not to use a sponsor if they don't agree with the product or a stance the manufacturing company holds. A sports team or association can force its owner to leave for saying what was on his mind. Since Comcast and Verizon will be paying extra for premium services, whose to say that certain websites and content won't be available once these rules take effect? After that, when will the government start regulating the remaining content so we can only see what they want us to see? I'm positive that I'll be reassured countless times that it won't happen, or why it will be better for me as an individual or the nation as a whole, when something made by the people, for the people, gets too tightly controlled, it will start to fall apart and be near impossible to recover. It breaks my heart to see this happening. It's clearly nothing more than a money grab and it's pathetic. The extra money the government makes on this isn't ever going to come back to the people who are forced to shell out the extra dollars, which is truly sad because they're the same people who really did make the Internet great. Every funny, silly, stupid, convenient, disgusting, heartwarming, vulgar, horrifying, innovative, mundane, annoying and simply wonderful thing on the Internet, is because of us. Nowadays a lot of us do take it for granted, but that's no reason to be punished and restricted to use something that we, with no help from the government, created together as a legitimate, one-of-a-kind, global community.

—Daniel Schultz, Jackson, NJ

Giving priority access to only those who pay exorbitant fees to the carriers deprives the bulk of the population of their right to know and their receipt of the broadest possible information flow.

—Donna Eriksen, Burlington, CT

It is completely unacceptable that companies that own monopolies by controlling where their services are available would be allowed to then regulate internet content delivery speeds based on who pays them the most money. As a small business owner working in the visual arts and new media I adamantly appose this proposed new rule as the content I create would never have a hope of being on top. The internet is a level playing field for people to share content. While there is a lot of junk out there, the internet also provides a platform for good social change and free exchange of ideas - things that contribute to innovation in society. By allowing cable and internet companies to regulate the speeds by which content is delivered to users, you are crushing this valuable social and creative resource into just another mindless media platform ruled by advertising and big corporation spending. It promotes gluttony, dull-wittedness, and uselessness. Crap in - Crap out. Stop using politics as an excuse to line your pockets and start working for the benefit of the American People.

—Tricia Beal, Plymouth, MA

The internet was paid for by our tax dollars in 1950, none of these companies own any part of it. The American public does and they should be paying us to use it for their advertising and part of their profit.

—Micheal Penry, OMAHA, NE

Without Net Neutrality, the purpose of an open internet is thwarted, and this will stifle innovation, creativity, and accessibility. We wouldn't even know what we had lost! I very strongly urge you to let Net Neutrality completely intact.

—Keni Hanson, Ceresco, NE

Because Net Neutrality is important.

—Sebastian Johansson, Boden,

I believe that Net Neutrality should be maintained and enforced to prevent unwanted and unwarranted control of the internet by for-profit companies. The only arguments I have heard from the parties for removing Net Neutrality is to selectively increase the bandwidth of certain sites to improve the service. But from my experience, this argument has a flaw. This is that internet speed has always been improving at a steady rate, meaning that over time any concerns about bandwidth would become less relevant overtime. Thus I find that the sole argument against Net Neutrality to be void. This gives my support to the ongoing protection and longevity of Net Neutrality.

—Kieran Ramaswami, Saskatoon,

To: Chairman Wheeler and the rest of the Federal Communications Commission, We want action for democratic media, not platitudes as smokescreens for corporate domination of the Internet. We want net neutrality.

—Zachary Tyler Brown-Garcia, Paramount, CA

You are hurting america and the government is being bullied by the big companies! This proposal would not benefit anyone and only cause more problems by hurting businesses and individuals. Shame on the FCC for listening to money!

—Nirali, Orlando, FL

This is an outrageous bill! it's an obvious giveaway to Isp's. another example of government pandering to large corporations, while telling the citizens you're supposed to serve_YOU DON'T COUNT

—Laurel Bolduc, SPFLD, MA

EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL.....!!!!

—Rick Russek, REDONDO BEACH, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me. My privacy is very important to me, and my content should not be filtered by my ISP, the internet should remain open to all without and filtration or blocking of any information what so ever. Please reclassify the internet and help keep our rights safe. We NEED Net Neutrality to maintain a leveled field for all.

—Edgar, Albuquerque, NM

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's only right. To me if the companies have there way it would be equivalent if all the major highways in the 50s were made company toll roads. Our country today would be unrecognizable. Please do what's right, protect the future, protect the people. Thank You

—Larry Graham, Arlington, TX

There are no more regional radio and tv stations in the US. Local programs are a thing of the past. America's airways have become strip malls. Travel the nation and no matter where you go, where there was once rich cultural diversity you will now find identical streets and broadcasting. Big business has wiped out the very concept of the great melting pot, replacing it with one size fits all sameness. All stores carry the same Chinese products, all tv and radio stations broadcast the same syndicated programs as filler between identical commercials. Bring back regional pride. Break up the super conglomerates that have successfully turned our nation into a cookie cutter world where all the cookies are round suger coated white flour.

—Lonnie Wilson, Bakersfield, CA

Act on behalf of the American people for a change. Promote actual competition among providers not exploitation of the public for profit.

—Lydia M LaFleur, Chicopee, MA

Net neutrality is important because it gives people the ability to get unbiased information. To help make informed decisions to make a difference in your life. How else is going to combat the misinformation that political parties put out and billionaire big money influence?

—Brian Simurdiak, Green Bay, WI

Net Neutrality is important to everyone. In fact, other countries have more freedoms on the Internet already as well as more speed. Yet Americans sit placid and allow monopolies to become effective when it is clearly against the law for there to be any kind of monopolies in this country. With the mergers of these Internet giants, these corporations will rule us instead of the people ruling them. They will increase their charges even more than they do now. My Internet bill increases a little at a time nearly every month. It is totally ridiculous.

—Helen B. Perry, Jacksonville, FL

The idea of an end to Net Neutrality is just ridiculous. Net Neutrality takes up a large portion of daily American life, as I'm sure it does in other places as well. In fact everyone, even the people who don't have internet, are affected by it. Net Neutrality is beautiful. The internet is basically a complex tool that anyone can use to make things in life simple, easier, and more manageable. It's the mother of knowledge and learning. And hinderring people's ability learn is not going to help the world become safer, more successful, or any better in general. The internet is also a medical unit. Tons of people every day are on the internet searching for relief, treatments, and symptoms of disease. Without Net Neutrality, people's injuries would get worse and become infected. People would have to pay for medical treatments they could have just done at home. Not that, But it's also a form of conversation, counsel, and guidance. An end to Net Neutrality could be the end to relationships of all kinds. Now it might sound like I'm explaining what it would be like if the internet was completely cut off to certain people. But that's because A lot of people probably won't waste their time or money on slow internet connections. Net Neutrality is like a mother that loves all of her children the same. It put all of it's users on the same level, as equals. I honestly feel that Net Neutrality is one of the only pure things left in this world. It would just be a shame to see greed crush it. In comics, the good guys win. I think Net Neutrality should too.

—Destiny Garrison, Brownsboro, TX

The Internet cannot be a place of haves and have nots. Companies, such as Google, got their success from the freedom and the equality present on the World Wide Web. If some bits are put on a fast lane, very few consumers will step out of that fast lane of information, and development and innovation will stagnate. This is not a good idea. Preserve Net Neutrality.

—Evan Cowie, DeFuniak Springs, FL

its a form of monopoly that benefits ONLY cable providers.

—Bryan Enstad, rice lake, WI

We need net neutrality. We are among one of the first few generations to have access to global knowledge, freely. Limiting that, allowing large companies to discriminate against what can be accessed based on extra fees would do nothing but hurt.

—Courtney Stilwell, Murray, KY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers: The internet is a vital information source for our democracy - akin to the news and post that our founders explicitly fostered and protected. A change to common carriage, while controversial, would ensure fundamental access for the public.

—John Thomson PhD, Madison, WI

Net Neutrality is important to me because I use the internet every day for email and Facebook and just surfing in general. I use the internet to buy items from online sites, like Amazon. Would I still be able to do all of that if the "big corporations" get their way? Net Neutrality is a good thing! Don't let the BIG corporations get their way! Reclassify ISPs as a common carriers.

—Gary Beyer, Spokane, WA

Please do what is right and protect our freedom of speech by keeping the internet free. In the era of communication, the internet is a vital lifeline in the further progression of the nation. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. Prove popular opinion wrong and do what is best for THE PEOPLE instead of appeasing special interests.

—Deborah Souverain, Miami, FL

I don't believe there should be a "preferred customers" internet tier that can hold the rest of us hostage to their products, beliefs, corporate preferences or anything else while blocking or slowing our own personal choices just because they can afford to buy the privilege. We all deserve to have equal speed and access no matter who we are. The internet need to be named by the FCC as a public utility.

—M Leszczynski, Lapeer, MI

Net Neutrality is key to a free and open internet.

—Gregory Sherman, New York, NY

It is strategically important that you throw out your stifling FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers to prevent rampant online discrimination and protect real Net Neutrality. This is the only viable solution, being the very best way forward for all and everyone.

—Andrea Lea, Gresham, OR

In order for new companies to succeed in the new internet age the FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Robert McNichols, Roanoke, VA

The proposed rules of a two tiered system are just a way for service providers to strong arm more money out of internet companies. If these rules are to pass, a majority of the country would lose its faith, even more so, in the government's ability to do what is right for the people and for the economy.

—Andrew M Dodd, Rochester, NY

I've cut the cable and use the internet for all of my entertainment needs. In addition, I use it for my home phone service through VOIP. The internet is the airwave of the future and needs to be treated as such.

—Steven Roberts, Canton, OH

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me because i was raised around the internet and I have seen the benefits first hand of an open internet. I am currently 22 going to UC Irvine and I can proudly say that the majority of my knowledge was not gained because of my failed public schooling, but because of my own curiosity and the openness of the internet. I was born into poverty with my mother making only \$20,000 a year, My formal educational system was a complete failure. I knew i was smart, but just did not attempt to make an effort living in a neighborhood that produces more gang members than high school graduates. Thanks to my own commitment for a better life and a better education, I went to community college and changed myself dramatically which I can directly attribute it all thanks to the internet and its non-discriminatory policies. Any question that popped into my young curious mind I would make an internet search and gain more knowledge about the world, which is necessary in a democracy. Please keep the internet open for everyone and not make a class based internet where information can potentially be stifled.

—Arturo Hurtado, cudahy, CA

Let's keep the internet from becoming controlled by just a few corporate interests. In short, let's prevent what has happened to radio, tv, cable, and phone services.

—John Waide, Nashville, TN

Net Neutrality in its simplest idea is an equality and limitation on monopolizing of the internet data base. The argument that major corporations such as TWC, Verizon, and Comcast are not trying to buy companies nor infringe on the speed in order for such companies to gain more money is totally bull as Netflix a company strongly advocating for net neutrality was pressured by Comcast which saw Comcast worsen cable connection until Netfix agreed to their demands. The internet in this day and age is the most valuable thing. I leave you with this FCC if Netflix, a major company with no startup competetiors, is fighting for the permanence of net neutrality than it is what is the right thing to do.

—Sarah Brown, West Hills, CA

You are making a terrible mistake in what you are doing. Removing the restrictions placed on ISPs will be incredibly detrimental to the freedom and open use of the internet, as there is virtually no competition in place, as speeds can be throttled or even cut entirely with the prospect of Net Neutrality removed. The internet is not broken, stop taking steps to fix that.

—Nick Photopoulos, Glenshaw, PA

Ending Net Neutrality is a horrible idea that will allow mega-companies like Comcast, companies who have regional monopolies across the country, to screw us over. If you're going to end Net Neutrality and screw everyone over, you could at least buy us dinner first.

—Themistocles Lycomid, Greene, RI

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—Jimrello, brockton, MA

Freedom of press is a right protected in the constitution. Money and greed is enslaving the rights of every American. Internet access should be a free and open source for press.

—James Vidano, Dulzura, CA

I love the freedom to learn whatever I want that the current free internet allows. I just last year turned eighteen and am now allowed to vote. I want the internet to keep being free. I really want for the disgusting collusion amongst the ISPs to be broken up, not supported by our government.

—Alexander, Washington, DC

Net neutrality has opened up some of the fastest innovation that we have seen in recent years, the free and open transfer of ideas and opinions has made for a truly amazing experience. As well, jobs that did not and could not exist without the internet now exist and are valid ways of people to make a living such as YouTube, comics, music production, and many more. All of which are creative endeavors which should be fostered.

—Gary Ogden, Englewood, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because I support small companies, most of which will not be able to compete with larger companies, leading to monopolies, and the death of creativity and innovation. The United States was built on diversity, but without net neutrality, people will be afraid to be creative due to how they cannot pay premiums for convenience. The internet was never broken, and therefore, should not be fixed. The main company behind this, Comcast/ Time Warner, is a monopoly. Monopolies are illegal in the United States, and this is just the monopoly pushing us around because no one else is around. The United States is a joke now because of our corruption, and I am now ashamed to be an American. So much for our freedom, and being the land of opportunity. Opportunity is dead.

—Lucas Shafran, mendham, NJ

We MUST protect net neutrality. It is the last soldier of free speech and unbiased information left. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Susan Andrews, Mandeville, LA

My political and economic freedom are in danger when my freedom to communicate is sold to the highest bidder.

—Richard Krueger, Bellingham, WA

I make my living working over the internet every day. Americans like me depend on its remaining open, free and neutral. We cannot afford an internet where corporate monopolists can sell higher speed or better access to the highest bidder. Our economy needs equal access for every small businesses that could potentially become the next Google, Facebook or Amazon. Selling better speed and access to those with the most cash cash would allow existing telecom players to stifle future innovation and increase the rents they impose on the rest of us.

—William Thickstun, Clinton, NY

Net Neutrality allows entrepreneurs the ability to start businesses and fuel the economy. PROTECT IT.

—Margaret Thickstun, Clinton, NY

Internet providers should be classed as common carriers. They should not be able to discriminate among content providers. There is too little competition already. My internet service is already too slow, and there is little I can do about it. I am paying for "Turbo" speeds, and getting TURTLE speeds. The internet service providers can rip us off, secure in knowing we have no where else to go.

—Shirley Knop, Clinton, NY

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—Brock Grimm, Bellevue, WA

I object to changes in the system of providing internet access that permit discrimination by service providers in quality and speed depending on economic or business arrangements between the service provider and content source. All content providers should be treated the same concerning their ability to access internet users who are clients of the same provider.

—Ronald Clary, Canoga Park, CA

I implore you to save Net Neutrality. Network operators like Comcast, Verizon, AT&T and others will undoubtedly charge premiums for internet access. They already gouge consumers by charging forced fees of up to \$200/ month just to get cable and internet access. Seeing that the FCC and FTC doesn't mind allowing Comcast to keep acquiring cable and content networks, why would you think they wouldn't stab consumers in the back even more than they already do. Do your job and protect the internet. It's free and should always be free. I am a total believer in democracy and commerce, but why did the government break up MA Bell because it was a monopoly, only to allow it to monopolize the marketplace again. Do your job and do it well. Keep the internet free!

—Dionisios Favatas, Washington, DC

There are already too many ways that the already rich can burden the rest, let's not add another one.

—Jane Beck, mohnnton, PA

I want the preservation of equality and freedom, and you people think destroying Net Neutrality will encompass both? Wrong, you're so wrong, this whole country is turning into a catastrophe. Don't let Net Neutrality fall.

—Whitney Seabrooks, Binghamton, NY

I am in the process of starting my own internet based creative marketing and design agency. I graduated from university in 2010. Hiring was at an all time low. If I wanted my dream job I knew I would have to create it. I am elated about the prospect of creating jobs for others in my community as I see many struggling to find work. The internet allows entrepreneurs to build start ups with relatively low overhead. It is the newest and arguably greatest platform to foster the American Dream of creating a better life for yourself and others within your community. Net Neutrality allows internet based companies to start out on an even playing field. It allows small businesses to grow into big businesses. Adding a two tiered system would make it difficult for small internet based businesses to launch and would thus stunt job growth in the United States. Why would the government want to interfere with middle class job creation? Why would it want to work against itself to tarnish the American Dream? Internet Neutrality is important for small businesses. It is important for job creation. It is important to freedom of speech. Take it away and you would be doing this country a shameful disservice.

—Kathryn Reina, Tampa, FL

The American people need an open internet with equal access for all. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Brandon Smith, Vancouver, WA

Please reconsider the currently proposed two-tiered plan supported by Chairman Wheeler. I have been involved with multiple internet startups and I assure you that providing a fast lane for established businesses - such as Netflix and Facebook - will place an undue restraint on competition and free enterprise. US startups will face a severe competitive disadvantage if the two-tiered regulations are codified. Startups will focus on other markets and the US economy will suffer in the long run. Please keep the US internet free and open to all competitors without the proposed two-tiered cost hurdles.

—Dan Cooke, Minneapolis, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because it allows me to learn and educate myself about the world I live in because I cannot afford school like many other Americans. Knowledge is the most important piece to any civilization's ability to grow and evolve peacefully. I fear that greed rather than love will be what our species will be known for.

—Jamison Hines, Sacramento, CA

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—Tara Kerksick, De Soto, MO

The door that was opened by this ruling has no where good to go. I think that's obvious too. The internet made way for innovations because it was an even playing field. That was taken away. New ideas will now be stifled because of this decision. The internet is a utility not just a service.

—Andrew C Maresco, Warren, MI

Censorship on the internet is not okay. Net neutrality is not okay.

—Devon Mertins, Sussex, WI

I urge the FCC to treat ISPs as common carriers and to adhere to the principal of net neutrality which is critical to fostering equal access to the internet and freedom of speech. With the internet we finally have a vehicle for democratizing the free flow of ideas and information, unfettered by the control of a media elite. This is enormously healthy for our democracy. Maintaining net neutrality is also critically important to our economy both in terms of the exchange of ideas and education as well as leveling the playing field for all businesses active on the internet. As FCC Commissioners at this moment in time you are tasked with making a decision that will have a major impact on future generations, the health of our democracy and the strength of our economy. Please do the right thing by maintaining the principal of net neutrality.

—Richard Elmendorf, Los Angeles, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. They are carrying the majority of telephone traffic - and most other forms of communication it is time.

—Shawn Mammon, Casper, WY

It is important to reclassify ISP's as common carriers. The internet is the only place where there is a true level playing field. Opening it to a privatized system will drive users over the edge because companies will only prioritize profit and bend the internet to favor them!!

—Ernesto Avelado, Bethesda, MD

We now live in a world where the top 5% receive favored treatment. Favored treatment should not be allowed on the internet. I recommend discarding the FCC's proposed internet rules. Stand up for once in your life and propose rules that favor the majority and certainly not the privileged. Protect real net neutrality.

—Lowell Irminger, Mt Dora, FL